During 1994-95, losses of these units have come down. In fact, Calcutta and Hyderabad units have made a turn around during 1994-95.

BREAD UNIT AT RANCHI

The market potential at this unit is limited and as such the company is taking steps to restructure it by diversification as a first step.

Survey of Marine Fisheries Resources in deep sea

4570. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any surveys of Marine Fisheries Resources in deep sea area on Karnataka's coast have been undertaken;

(b) if so, the details about the potential;

(c) whether any foreign country vessels are fishing in India's deep sea waters, due to our technical/entreprenual inability to use our potentials within our maritime limits; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken to prevent such unauthorised fishing by foreign interests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Fishery Survey of India has undertaken survey of marine fisheries resources in the South-West Coast including the Karnataka Coast. The latest assessment of fishery potential in the continental shelf along the South West Coast is 0.92 million tons, consisting of 0.33 million tons demersal resources and 0.59 million tons coastal pelagic resources.

(c) and (d) Foreign fishing vessels are given permits to fish in Indian waters under chartering, joint venture and leasing policies of the Government for transfer of technology, training of crew to harvest untapped resources and enhance export earnings. The Coast Guard is responsible for patrolling India's Maritime Zones for detecting and apprehending unauthorised foreign fishing vessels found poaching in Indian waters.

Installed capacity of processed fruits and vegetables

4571. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to increase the production of processed fruits and vegetables in the country.

(b) if so, what was the installed capacity in respect of processed fruits and vegetables by the end of 1991-92;

(c) the installed capacity by the end of 1994-95;

(d) whether Indian processed fruits and vegetables have vast scope for the increase of export; and

(e) if so, the details of steps taken in that direction since 1991-92 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The installed capacity of fruits and vegetables Processing Industry in the country was 9.50 lakh metric tonnes on 31-12-91 and 14.02 lakh metric tonnes on 31-12-94.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Government have declared most food processing industries, including fruits & vegetables processing industries, as a high priority area and have allowed automatic approval for foreign investment upto 51 per cent to bring in attendent benefits of technology, access to international market etc. besides providing several fiscal reliefs on the capital goods used in this industry. Govt. is also implementing various Plan Schemes which aim at enhancement of processing capabilities, awareness and thereby market expansion of certain fruits and vegetables products, R&D and quality control facilities etc. APEDA is also trying to encourage exports by arranging participation in the international exhibitions in India and abroad besides organising buyer seller meets and promotion of fruits and vegetables and their products abroad.

बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों द्वारा शीतल पेयों का उत्पादन

4572. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या **खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों द्वारा शीतल पेयों का उत्पादन किए जाने की कोई योजना तैयार की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) शीतल पेय बनाने वाली स्वदेशी और विदेशी कम्पनियों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) 31-12-94 की स्थिति के अनुसार फल उत्पाद आदेश के तहत लाइसेंस प्राप्त कुल 663 यूनिटें मृदु वातित जल जिसे आमतौर पर कोल्ड ड्रिंक्स के नाम से जाना जाता है, का निर्माण कर रही है। इनमें से सात एफ० पी० ओ० लाइसेंस एक भारतीय कंपनी मैसर्स पैप्सिको इंडिया होल्डिंग के पास हैं जो विदेशी कंपनी मैसर्स पैप्सिको इंक, अमेरीका की पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनी है।

Letters of Members of Parliament to the Ministry of Food Procesing Industries

4573. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995.

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry, containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) 100.

(b) 100.

(c) 76.

(d) Out of 76 replies, 35 were positive and 36 were negative. In the case of 5 references, reply was neither negative nor positive as the matter is sub-judice.